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For : FLUORESCENT PROTEIN

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 20, 2010 AND
THE ADVISORY ACTION OF MARCH 15, 2011**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir :

Responsive to the Final Office Action of October 20, 2010 and the Advisory Action of March 15, 2011, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end January 20, 2011, and insofar as a Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time was previously filed on March 1, 2011, this Amendment is being filed with a request for an additional month's extension of time for a total of three months. No additional fee is believed due at this time. However, should any additional extension of time or claim fee be necessary to maintain the pendency of the instant application, the same is hereby expressly requested, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.